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In re Application of:

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INK JET RECORDING ELEMENT WITH CORE SHELL PARTICLES

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Sir:

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Examiner: Pamela R. Schwartz

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Response

The Examiner has required restriction in this application. The restriction is set forth as:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: 1a) image recording media have core/shell particles in the image receiving layer or b) image recording media have core/shell particles in an overcoat layer and independently of election 1, 2) image recording media containing core/shell particles wherein the shell consists of distinct oligomeric or polymeric aluminosilicate complexes or aluminosilica particulates.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, 1 is generic. Applicants are required to elect a single species form 1 and a single disclosed species of oligomeric or polymeric aluminosilicate complexes or aluminosilica particulates for examination as well as identifying claims readable thereon.

It is respectfully urged that this restriction is in error as a search of any of the several species set forth by the Examiner would be substantially coextensive with the search for the others. Therefore, compact prosecution would lead to the decision to examine all claims in one application.

In order that this response be complete, the applicant hereby elects species 1(a) image receiving media having core shell particles in the image receiving layer. With respect to species election 2) the image recording media core shell particles consisting of polymeric aluminosilicate complexes are elected. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-16 read on the elected species.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the species election requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early action on the merits of all claims be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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